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**Attachments:** BSCbeforeCertLetter2010.doc; Fact Sheet BSC No Gas.pub; Fact Sheet UV Lights Not in BSCS.pub; Fact Sheet Vacuum Systems in BSC's.pub

Hello Everyone,

I am writing to let you know that B&V Testing, Inc. will be on campus to test and certify all of your biological safety cabinets during the week of May 17<sup>th</sup>. The animal transfer stations as well as the cage dumping stations will be tested at this time too.

Laminar flow hoods, transfer hoods, etc. will not be scheduled for testing and paid for by EH&S as these are not safety equipment. If you have units that you would like tested at this time, that are not BSC's, you may contact me to make those arrangements at your expense (\$48 per laminar flow hood).

EH&S will be paying for the BSC testing service. If the technician finds additional problems at the time of the visit, arrangements may be made for repairs, but the Principle Investigator is responsible for the additional expense.

Please understand that there will not be appointments or specific times that B&V will be assigned to your area. They will have approximately 100 cabinets to do on campus and only have one week to accomplish this. Their testing process takes approximately one half hour to forty-five minutes per BSC barring any complications. If a technician arrives in your area and you are at a crucial point in your work, please explain to the tech and they will return to test your BSC later.

**Please share this information with your staff.**

I have attached some fact sheets regarding biosafety cabinets. Please review this material as EH&S may be encouraging you to adopt some new practices in your laboratory.

Regards,

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